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**Appendix 5 to Amendment C
Annotated Historical List of All Claims, Past and Pending**

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Pursuant to Rule 121, the following is an historical copy of all of the claims previous and pending, annotated accordingly:

COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL CLAIMS, ANNOTATED FOR HISTORY

Claims

What is claimed is:

1.(CANCELED) An internal combustion engine machine incorporating significant improvements in power, efficiency and emissions control comprising:

A one or more cylinders, each having a head, a combustion chamber, a base, a compression chamber and a sidewall;

One or more means of igniting fuel in the cylinder(s);

One or more sources of intake air;

A means of storing and/or cooling lubricating oil between cycles of circulation;

A drive train;

A means of encasing, protecting, cooling and lubricating the drive train;

1 A means of segregating the oil in the sump and/or crankcase from
2 the air or air/fuel mixture in the cylinder;

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4 A means of dispersing oil on the cylinder walls and of then
5 gathering excess for return to the oil sump;

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7 A means of transmitting energy to and from the pistons;

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9 A means of guiding each piston rod such that it moves in a linear
10 manner, always along substantially the same line;

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12 A means of drawing air or air/fuel mixture into the engine machine,
13 propelling it into the cylinder combustion chamber, compressing it for ignition and
14 propelling its expulsion after ignition;

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16 A means of admitting air and fuel, or air/fuel mixture into each
17 cylinder;

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19 A means of efficiently expelling exhaust gases resulting from
20 combustion of the air fuel mixture after energy has been extracted;

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22 A means of transmitting energy from the piston rod to the drive
23 train;

1 A means of cooling the engine;

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3 A means of transporting dispersing gathering and returning
4 lubricating/cooling oil while keeping it segregated from combustion air and fuel;

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6 2. (CANCELED) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 1 comprising
7 a plurality of cylinders in one or more banks of two opposing cylinders each;

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9 3. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
10 transmitting energy to and from the each piston is a piston-rod with a piston
11 attached at one end, each piston rod passing through the base of its cylinder,
12 carrying the force of its associated piston power stroke to the drive train, the
13 piston rod be linked to the drive shaft by a push rod in the crankcase/oil sump,
14 propelling a transmission mechanism, such as a crank-plate or other rotary or
15 linier device powering a drive shaft;

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17 4. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of cooling
18 the engine is via exhaust gas expansion, cooling fins on the engine machine and
19 via a large volume of oil circulated through the cylinders and pooled in the sump,
20 the sump acting as a heat sink for oil circulating from the cylinders;

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1 5. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
2 transmitting energy from the piston rod to the drive train is a rotary deice, such as
3 a crank plate, linked to the piston rod by a push rod;

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5 6. (CANCELED)(PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The engine machine as in claim 1
6 wherein the means of transmitting energy from the piston rod to the drive train
7 comprises a rack and pinion transmission system, segmented gear drive, or a
8 ratchet device.

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10 7. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
11 admitting air or air/fuel mixture into each cylinder is a "pop-top" piston comprising
12 a valve in the piston head that opens to admit new air or fuel/air mixture on each
13 cycle, thus eliminating the need for conventional air or air/fuel intake port(s) in the
14 cylinder side wall;

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16 8. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
17 admitting the fuel component of the air/fuel mixture into each cylinder is via a fuel
18 injector for each cylinder;

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21 9. (CANCELED) (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) An engine machine as in claim 1
22 wherein the means of admitting air or air/fuel mixture into each cylinder
23 comprises one or more intake ports in the sidewall(s) of said cylinder(s).

1 10. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
2 efficiently expelling exhaust gases upon completion of combustion and energy
3 extraction is a cylinder head exhaust valve, allowing exhaust to exit through the
4 head of the cylinder.

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6 11. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
7 drawing air or air/fuel mixture into the system, propelling it into the cylinder
8 combustion chamber, compressing it for ignition and expelling it after ignition is a
9 "multi-function piston" that draws air or air/fuel mixture from the intake source and
10 into the compression chamber beneath the piston on an up stroke and propels it
11 out of the compression chamber into the cylinder combustion chamber above the
12 piston on a down stroke, and on the immediately subsequent upstroke,
13 compresses the air or air/fuel mixture in the combustion chamber, then, upon
14 combustion and expels the exhaust;

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16 12. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of guiding
17 each piston rod such that it moves in a linear manner, always along substantially
18 the same line is the compression wall and the piston rod compression seal
19 serving as a piston rod guide to hold each pistons in correct position within its
20 cylinder;

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22 13. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein there is provided for
23 each cylinder, a multi-function piston performing four "drive" functions plus

1 lubrication, the "drive" functions being to (1) draw in new air or air/fuel mixture
2 into the intake chamber (2) propel the new air or air/fuel mixture into the
3 combustion chamber (3) compress the air/fuel mixture in the cylinder
4 combustion chamber, (4) receive the force of combustion for the power stroke for
5 transmission to the piston rod, and (5) receive, disperse and recoup lubricating
6 oil for return to the oil sump/cooler;
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8 14. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
9 dispersing oil on the cylinder walls and of then gathering excess for return to the
10 oil sump is oil hoarding rings, these rings located near the head and base of each
11 piston, such that they contain any oil dispersed between them, and when in
12 motion, push said oil before them, substantially wiping it off the cylinder walls and
13 leaving only a fine film behind as they move;
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15 15. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
16 segregating the oil in the sump and/or crank case from the air or air/fuel mixture
17 in the cylinder is in the form of a compression wall and piston rod pressure seal
18 at the base of each cylinder, the compression wall segregating the fuel and air in
19 the cylinder from the lubricating/cooling oil in the oil sump/crankcase, thus
20 creating a segregated and sealed intake chamber into which the air or fuel/air
21 mixture is first received from the carburetor or breather and from which it is
22 discharged into the cylinder combustion chamber, the piston rod passing through

1 the compression wall at the base of each corresponding cylinder and into the
2 sump/crankcase by way of the compression wall and pressure seal;

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4 16. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of
5 encasing, protecting, and lubricating the drive train is a combination crankcase/oil
6 sump;

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8 17. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of storing
9 and/or cooling the oil between cycles of circulation is a combination crankcase/oil
10 sump;

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12 18. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the source of intake
13 air is a carburetor;

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15 19. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of igniting
16 the fuel is an electrical spark;

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18 20. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein, the means of
19 transporting, dispersing, gathering and returning lubricating/cooling oil while
20 keeping it segregated from combustion air and fuel is a dynamic force lubricating
21 oil pump comprising a piston rod/lubrication assembly that serves as both a
22 means of transmitting force to and from the piston and as a means to transmit
23 lubricating/cooling oil to its cylinder via a multi-function piston, the assembly

1 comprising a piston rod with a multi-function piston attached to each end and oil
2 pick-up and exhaust ports in its mid section, and oil transport passages in the
3 piston rod from the oil pick-up nozzles to the multi-function piston assembly and
4 back to the oil exhaust ports, the piston assembly having a multi-function piston
5 configured with one or more radially situated oil inlet and outlet ports that
6 distribute lubricating oil to the associated cylinder and recovers the oil for return
7 to the sump/crankcase, using oil hoarding rings near each piston head and base
8 to assist in dispersing and then re-gathering the oil for return to the cooling sump
9 such that oil flows through the piston rod and piston, and around the piston,
10 lubricating and cooling piston walls, piston rings and cylinder walls, and returns
11 through the piston and piston rod to the oil sump/crank case for cooling, the
12 piston rod and drive train being lubricated by splash distribution in the crank-
13 case/oil sump;

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15 21. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein a means of
16 collecting, storing, and transferring inertial energy from one drive stroke to
17 another is provided in the form of a fly-wheel, thereby helping to facilitate
18 compression strokes and reducing overall engine vibration;

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20 22. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein a wrist pin links each
21 piston to its piston rod, rendering the combination less rigid;

1 23. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein the means of igniting
2 fuel in the cylinders comprises explosive compression in the cylinder head;

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4 24. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 1 wherein means of igniting fuel
5 in the cylinders comprises a glow plug.

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7 25. (CANCELED) An engine machine as in claim 2 wherein the means of
8 transmitting energy to and from the pistons is a piston-rod between and joining
9 each pair of pistons in each cylinder bank such that each piston rod has a piston
10 at each end, the piston rod passing through the bases of each associated
11 cylinder, each piston rod carrying the force of each piston power stroke to the
12 drive train, and across to the opposite associated piston to power that piston's
13 compression stroke, the piston rod to be linked to the drive shaft by a push rod in
14 the crankcase/oil sump, propelling a crank-plate or other rotary or linier
15 transmission device that is geared to the drive shaft;

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17 26. (CANCELED) (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) An engine machine as in claim 2
18 wherein there is a plurality of banks of cylinders, each bank comprised of two or
19 more cylinders and the drive train of each bank joined to the drive train of its
20 neighboring bank(s) in such a way that each bank may by independently
21 disconnected from its neighbor(s) and shut own automatically or at the discretion
22 of the operator, the manner of joining the bank drive trains being manual
23 clutch(es), centrifugal clutch(es), or ratchet device(s).

1 27.(previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine incorporating
2 significant improvements in power, efficiency and emissions control comprising:

3
4 (a) one or more cylinders, each comprising at least one head,
5 combustion chamber, base, compression chamber and sidewall;

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7 (b) one or more means of igniting fuel in the cylinder(s);

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9 (c) one or more sources of intake air;

10
11 (d) at least one means of storing and/or cooling lubricating oil
12 between cycles of circulation;

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14 (e) a drive train;

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16 (f) at least one means of encasing, protecting, cooling and
17 lubricating the drive train;

18
19 (g) at least one means of segregating the oil in the sump and/or
20 crankcase from the air or air/fuel mixture in the cylinder, whether within or apart
21 from the combustion chamber.

22
23 (h) at least one means of dispersing oil on the cylinder walls and of
24 then gathering excess for return to the oil sump;

25
26 (i) at least one means of transmitting energy to and from the
27 pistons;

1 (j) at least one means of guiding each piston rod such that it moves
2 in a linear manner, always along substantially the same line;

3
4 (k) at least one means of drawing air or air/fuel mixture into the
5 engine machine, propelling it into the cylinder combustion chamber, compressing
6 it for ignition and propelling its expulsion after ignition;

7
8 (l) at least one means of admitting air and fuel, or air/fuel mixture
9 into each cylinder apart from the combustion chamber;

10
11 (m) at least one means of efficiently expelling exhaust gases
12 resulting from combustion of the air fuel mixture after energy has been extracted;

13
14 (n) at least one means of transmitting energy from the piston rod to
15 the drive train;

16
17 (o) at least one means of cooling the engine; and

18
19 (p) at least one means of transporting dispersing gathering and
20 returning lubricating/cooling oil while keeping it segregated from combustion air
21 and fuel;

22
23 (q) wherein the means of efficiently expelling exhaust gases upon
24 completion of combustion and energy extraction comprises a cylinder head
25 exhaust valve, allowing exhaust to exit through the head of the cylinder.
26

1 28.(previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine incorporating
2 significant improvements in power, efficiency and emissions control comprising:

3
4 (a) one or more cylinders, each comprising a head, a combustion
5 chamber, a base, a compression chamber and a sidewall;

6
7 (b) one or more means of igniting fuel in the cylinder(s);

8
9 (c) one or more sources of intake air;

10
11 (d) at least one means of storing and/or cooling lubricating oil
12 between cycles of circulation;

13
14 (e) a drive train;

15
16 (f) at least one means of encasing, protecting, cooling and
17 lubricating the drive train;

18
19 (g) at least one means of segregating the oil in the sump and/or
20 crankcase from the air or air/fuel mixture in the cylinder, whether within or apart
21 from the combustion chamber.

22
23 (h) at least one means of dispersing oil on the cylinder walls and of
24 then gathering excess for return to the oil sump;

25
26 (i) at least one means of transmitting energy to and from the
27 pistons;

1 (j) at least one means of guiding each piston rod such that it moves
2 in a linear manner, always along substantially the same line;

3
4 (k) at least one means of drawing air or air/fuel mixture into the
5 engine machine, propelling it into the cylinder combustion chamber, compressing
6 it for ignition and propelling its expulsion after ignition;

7
8 (l) at least one means of admitting air and fuel, or air/fuel mixture
9 into each cylinder apart from the combustion chamber;

10
11 (m) at least one means of efficiently expelling exhaust gases
12 resulting from combustion of the air fuel mixture after energy has been extracted;

13
14 (n) at least one means of transmitting energy from the piston rod to
15 the drive train;

16
17 (o) at least one means of cooling the engine;

18
19 (p) at least one means of transporting, dispersing, gathering, and
20 returning lubricating/cooling oil while keeping it segregated from combustion air
21 and fuel; and

22
23 (q) at least one means of collecting, storing, and transferring inertial
24 energy from one drive stroke to another, comprising at least one inertial mass or
25 flywheel.

1 29.(previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine incorporating
2 significant improvements in power, efficiency and emissions control comprising:

3
4 (a) one or more cylinders, each comprising at least one head,
5 combustion chamber, base, compression chamber and sidewall;

6
7 (b) one or more means of igniting fuel in the cylinder(s);

8
9 (c) one or more sources of intake air;

10
11 (d) at least one means of transporting dispersing gathering and
12 returning lubricating and ,or, or, cooling oil;

13
14 (e) at least one means of storing and/or cooling lubricating oil
15 between cycles of circulation;

16
17 (f) at least one means of dispersing lubricating oil on the cylinder
18 walls and of then gathering excess for return to an oil sump;

19
20 (g) at least one means of segregating lubricating oil from the
21 combustion air or air/fuel mixture, and combustion products at substantially all
22 points in the engine.

23
24 (h) at least one drive train;

25
26 (l) at least one means of, protecting, cooling and, or, or, lubricating
27 the drive train;

1 (j) at least one means of transmitting energy to and from the
2 pistons;

3
4 (k) at least one means of guiding each piston rod such that it moves
5 in a linear manner, always along substantially the same line;

6
7 (l) at least one means of drawing air or air/fuel mixture into the
8 engine machine, of propelling it into the cylinder combustion chamber, of
9 compressing it for ignition, and of propelling its expulsion after ignition;

10
11 (m) at least one means of admitting air, fuel, or an air/fuel mixture
12 into each cylinder; apart from the combustion chamber.

13
14 (n) at least one means of expelling exhaust gases resulting from
15 combustion of the air fuel mixture after energy has been extracted;

16
17 (o) at least one means of transmitting energy from the piston rod to
18 the drive train;

19
20 (p) at least one means of cooling the engine; and

21
22 (q) at least one means of expelling exhaust gases upon completion
23 of combustion and energy extraction comprising at least one cylinder head
24 exhaust valve, allowing exhaust to exit through the head of the cylinder.

1 30. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
2 comprising at least one plurality of cylinders in one or more banks of two
3 opposing cylinders each.

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5 31. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
6 wherein the means of transmitting energy to and from the each piston comprises;

7
8 (a) at least one piston-rod with a piston attached at one end;

9
10 (b) each piston rod passing through the base of its cylinder,
11 carrying the force of its associated piston power stroke to the drive train;

12
13 (c) the piston rod linked to the drive shaft by at least one push rod
14 in the crankcase/oil sump, propelling at least one transmission mechanism,
15 comprising at least one crank-plate, or other rotary, or linier device powering at
16 least one drive shaft.

17
18 32. (previously amended) An internal combustions engine machine as in claim 27
19 wherein the means of cooling the engine comprises exhaust gas expansion,
20 cooling fins and at least one volume of oil circulated through the cylinders and
21 pooled in the sump, the sump acting as at least one heat sink for oil circulating
22 from the cylinders.

23
24 33. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
25 wherein the means of transmitting energy from the piston rod to the drive train
26 comprises at least one rotary device, linked to the piston rod by at least one push
27 rod.

1 34. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine in claim 27 in
2 which the means of transmitting energy from the piston rod to the drive train
3 comprises at least one rack and pinion transmission system, segmented gear
4 drive, or ratchet device.

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6 35. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
7 wherein the means of admitting the fuel component of the air/fuel mixture into
8 each cylinder comprises at least one fuel injector for each cylinder.

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10 36. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
11 wherein the means of admitting air or air/fuel mixture into each cylinder obtained
12 by intake ports in the sidewall of each cylinder.

13
14 37. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
15 wherein the means of efficiently expelling exhaust gases upon completion of
16 combustion and energy extraction comprises at least one cylinder head exhaust
17 valve, allowing exhaust to exit through the head of the cylinder.

18
19 38. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
20 wherein a means of drawing air or air/fuel mixture into the system, propelling it
21 into the cylinder combustion chamber, compressing it for ignition and expelling it
22 after ignition comprises at least one multi-function piston, that:

23
24 (a) on upstroke, draws air from an intake source and into an
25 intake/compression chamber beneath the piston, at the same time, compressing
26 an air/fuel mixture in the cylinder combustion chamber above the piston, and
27 then,

1 (b) on down stroke, following combustion of the air/fuel mixture,
2 compresses and propels scavenge air out of the intake/compression chamber
3 below the piston, and into the cylinder combustion chamber above the piston,
4 then,

5
6 (c) on the following up-stroke, expels the scavenge air and
7 remaining exhaust from the combustion chamber, at the same time drawing
8 combustion air or a combustion air/fuel mixture into an intake/compression
9 chamber below the piston, then,

10
11 (d) on the following down stroke; compresses and propels the
12 combustion air or air/fuel mixture, out of the intake/compression chamber below
13 the piston, and into the cylinder combustion chamber above the piston, for
14 combustion, completing a cycle.

15
16 39. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
17 wherein a means of drawing air or air/fuel mixture into the system, propelling it
18 into the cylinder combustion chamber, compressing it for ignition and expelling it
19 after ignition comprises a two stroke process wherein at least one multi-function
20 piston:

21
22 (a) on a single up stroke, draws combustion air or air/fuel mixture
23 from the intake source and into an intake/compression chamber beneath the
24 piston, and compresses the air or air/fuel mixture in the combustion chamber,
25 then,

1 (b) upon combustion, on a single down stroke, propels combustion
2 air or air fuel mixture out of the compression chamber into a cylinder combustion
3 chamber above the piston, at the same time expelling the exhaust from the
4 combustion chamber and completing the combustion/exhaust cycle.

5
6 40. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
7 wherein the means of guiding each piston rod such that it moves in a linear
8 manner, always along substantially the same line, comprises at least one
9 compression wall and at least one piston rod compression seal, the compression
10 seal serving as a piston rod guide to hold each piston in correct position within its
11 cylinder.

12
13 41. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
14 wherein there is provided for each cylinder, at least one multi-function piston
15 performing in four strokes, intake, compression, combustion, exhaust and power
16 functions plus lubrication, these comprising, to:

17
18 (a) draw in new combustion air or air/fuel mixture into an
19 intake/compression chamber, separate from the cylinder combustion chamber,

20
21 (b) compress and propel the new air or air/fuel mixture from the
22 intake/compression chamber, into the cylinder combustion chamber,

23
24 (c) compress the air/fuel mixture in the cylinder combustion
25 chamber,

1 (d) draw in scavenge air into an intake/compression chamber,
2 separate from the cylinder combustion chamber,

3 (e) receive the force of combustion for transmission to the piston
4 rod,

5
6 (f) compress and propel the scavenge air from the
7 intake/compression chamber, into the cylinder combustion chamber,

8
9 (g) compress and propel the scavenge air and combustion by-
10 products from the cylinder combustion chamber as exhaust, and

11
12 (h) receive, disperse and recoup lubricating oil for return to the oil
13 sump/cooler.

14
15 42. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
16 wherein there is provided for each cylinder, at least one multi-function piston
17 performing, in two strokes, intake, compression, combustion, exhaust and power
18 functions plus lubrication, these comprising, to:

19
20 (a) in a single upstroke, draw new combustion air or air/fuel mixture
21 into an intake/compression chamber, separate from a cylinder combustion
22 chamber, and in the same action, compress an air/fuel mixture in the cylinder
23 combustion chamber,

24
25 (b) receive the force of combustion for transmission to the piston
26 rod,

1 (c) in a single down-stroke, upon combustion in the cylinder
2 combustion chamber, compress and propel the new air or air/fuel mixture from
3 the intake/compression chamber, into the cylinder combustion chamber, and in
4 the same action, scavenge and exhaust combustion by-products from the
5 cylinder combustion chamber, and,

6
7 (d) receive, disperse and recoup lubricating oil for return to the oil
8 sump/cooler.

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10 43. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
11 wherein the means of dispersing oil on the cylinder walls and of then gathering
12 excess for return to the oil sump comprises oil hoarding rings, at least one ring
13 located near the head and base of at least one piston, such that the rings contain
14 any oil dispersed between them, and when in motion, push said oil before them,
15 substantially wiping it off the cylinder walls as they move.

16
17 44. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
18 wherein a means of segregating the oil in the sump and/or crank case from the
19 air or air/fuel mixture in the cylinder comprises at least one compression wall and
20 piston rod pressure seal at the base of at least one cylinder;

21
22 (a) the compression wall segregating the fuel, air, or combustion
23 by-products in at least one cylinder from the lubricating, and, or, or, oil in the oil
24 sump/crankcase, thus creating at least one segregated and sealed intake
25 chamber into which the air or fuel/air mixture is first received from the carburetor,
26 breather, or other combustion air source, and from which it is discharged into the
27 cylinder combustion chamber; and

1 (b) a piston rod passing through the compression wall at the base
2 of each corresponding cylinder and into the sump/crankcase by way of the
3 compression wall and pressure seal.
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5 45. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
6 wherein a means of encasing, protecting, and lubricating the drive train
7 comprises at least one combination crankcase, and, or, or, oil sump;
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9 46. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
10 wherein a means of storing and/or cooling the oil between cycles of circulation
11 comprises at least one combination crankcase/oil sump;
12

13 47. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
14 wherein a source of intake air comprises at least one carburetor;
15

16 48. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
17 wherein a means of igniting the fuel comprises an electrical spark;
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19 49. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27,
20 wherein a means of transporting, dispersing, gathering and returning lubricating,
21 and, or, or, cooling oil while keeping it segregated from combustion air and fuel
22 comprises;
23

24 (a) at least one dynamic force lubricating oil pump comprising at
25 least one piston rod/lubrication assembly that serves as both at least one means
26 of transmitting force to and from the piston and as at least one means to transmit

1 lubricating/cooling oil to as associated cylinder via at least one multi-function
2 piston assembly;

3 (b) at least one multi-function-piston assembly comprising at least
4 one piston rod with at least one multi-function piston attached to either or each
5 end, and having one or more oil pick-up and exhaust ports in its mid section, and
6 one or more oil transport passages in the piston rod from the oil pick-up nozzles
7 to the multi-function-piston and back to the oil exhaust ports;

8
9 (c) each multi-function-piston comprising one or more
10 radially situated oil inlet and outlet ports that distribute lubricating oil to the
11 associated cylinder and recover the oil for return to the sump/crankcase,
12 and each multi-function piston also comprising;

13
14 (d) at least one oil hoarding ring near each piston head and
15 base to assist in dispersing and then re-gathering the oil for return to a
16 sump such that oil flows through the piston rod and piston, and around the
17 piston, lubricating and cooling piston walls, piston rings and cylinder walls,
18 and returns through the piston and piston rod to the oil sump.

19
20 50. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
21 wherein at least one wrist pin links each piston to its piston rod.

22
23 51. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
24 wherein a means of igniting fuel in the cylinders comprises explosive
25 compression in the cylinder head.
26

1 52. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
2 wherein a means of igniting fuel in the cylinders comprises at least one glow
3 plug.

4
5 53. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 27
6 wherein a means of igniting fuel in the cylinders comprises at least one electrical
7 spark.

8
9 54. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 28
10 wherein a means of transmitting energy to and from the pistons comprises at
11 least one piston-rod between and joining each pair of pistons in each cylinder
12 bank such that each piston rod has a piston at each end,

13
14 (a) each piston rod passing through the base of its associated
15 cylinder, each piston rod carrying the force of its associated piston power stroke
16 to the drive train, and across to the opposite associated piston, thereby, powering
17 that piston's compression stroke, and

18
19 (b) at least one piston rod linked, directly or indirectly, to a drive
20 shaft, via at least one rotary or linier energy transmission device.

21
22 55. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine as in claim 28
23 comprising at least one plurality of banks of cylinders, each bank comprised of
24 two or more cylinders and the drive train of each bank joined to the drive train of
25 its neighboring bank(s) in such a way that each bank may be independently
26 disconnected from its neighbor(s) and shut down automatically or at the

1 discretion of the operator, the manner of joining the bank drive trains being, in
2 example, manual clutch(es), centrifugal clutch(es), or ratchet devices.

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4 56. (previously amended) An internal combustion engine machine incorporating
5 significant improvements in power, efficiency and emissions control comprising;
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7 (a) one or more cylinders, each comprising at least one head,
8 combustion chamber, base, compression chamber and sidewall;
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10 (b) one or more means of igniting fuel in the cylinder(s);
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12 (c) one or more sources of intake air;
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14 (d) at least one means of storing and/or cooling lubricating oil
15 between cycles of circulation;
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17 (e) a drive train;
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19 (f) at least one means of encasing, protecting, cooling and
20 lubricating the drive train;
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22 (g) at least one means of segregating the oil in the sump and/or
23 crankcase from the air or air/fuel mixture in the cylinder;
24

25 (h) at least one means of dispersing oil on the cylinder walls and of
26 then gathering excess for return to the oil sump;
27

1 (i) at least one means of transmitting energy to and from the
2 pistons;

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4 (j) at least one means of guiding each piston rod such that it moves
5 in a linear manner, always along substantially the same line;

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7 (k) at least one means of drawing air or air/fuel mixture into the
8 engine machine, propelling it into the cylinder combustion chamber, compressing
9 it for ignition and propelling its expulsion after ignition;

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11 (l) at least one means of admitting air and fuel, or air/fuel mixture
12 into each cylinder;

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14 (m) at least one means of efficiently expelling exhaust gases
15 resulting from combustion of the air fuel mixture after energy has been extracted;

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17 (n) at least one means of transmitting energy from the piston rod to
18 the drive train;

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20 (o) at least one means of cooling the engine; and

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22 (p) at least one means of transporting, dispersing, gathering, and
23 returning lubricating/cooling oil while keeping it segregated from combustion air
24 and fuel;

1 (q) wherein, the means of transporting, dispersing, gathering and
2 returning lubricating/cooling oil while keeping it segregated from combustion air
3 and fuel comprises at least one dynamic force lubricating oil pump comprising;
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5 (r) at least one piston rod/lubrication assembly that serves
6 both as at least one means of transmitting force to and from the piston and
7 as at least one means to transmit lubricating/cooling oil to and from its
8 cylinder in concert with at least one multi-function piston;
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10 (s) the piston rod/lubrication assembly comprising at least
11 one piston rod with a multi-function piston attached to each end, oil pick-
12 up nozzles and exhaust ports in its mid section, and oil transport passages
13 in the piston rod from the oil pick-up nozzles to the multi-function piston
14 and back to the oil exhaust ports;
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16 (t) the multi-function piston comprising at least one
17 piston configured with one or more radially situated oil inlet and
18 outlet ports that distribute lubricating oil received from the piston
19 rod/lubrication assembly, to the associated cylinder, and that
20 recover the oil for return to the sump/crankcase via the piston
21 rod/lubrication assembly; and
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23 (u) the multi-function-piston assembly also comprising oil hoarding
24 rings near each piston head and base to assist in dispersing and then re-
25 gathering the oil for return to the cooling, sump such that oil flows through the
26 piston rod and piston, and around the piston, and returns through the piston and
27 piston rod to the oil sump/crank case.

1 **57.(newly re-inserted equivalent of old claim 7) An engine machine as in**
2 **claim 27 wherein the means of admitting air or air/fuel mixture into each**
3 **cylinder is a "pop-top" piston comprising a valve in the piston head that**
4 **periodically opens to admit new air or fuel/air mixture for each combustion.**

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6 **58. (newly re-inserted old claim 8) An engine machine as in claim 27**
7 **wherein the means of admitting the fuel component of the air/fuel mixture**
8 **into each cylinder is via a fuel injector for each cylinder;**
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